



Step Forward Awards Nomination Form

Every day volunteers step forward, going the extra mile in their communities. The ServeNebraska Step Forward Awards recognize these outstanding people and groups for their time and service.

Award winners and finalists will be thoughtfully selected by our Governor in tribute to the significant contributions made within the state through volunteerism.

This year the ServeNebraska Step Forward Awards will be held Friday, October 30, 2015, 11am-1pm at The Lodge at Mahoney State Park.

Note: Award Nominations will be accepted through September 14, 2015.

I would like to nominate this person/group for a ServeNebraska Step Forward Award:

First Name	<input type="text"/>	Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Title (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>		
Group Name (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
		Zip	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
Hometown Newspaper	<input type="text"/>		

Select the award category for the person/group you're nominating:

☐ **Adult Volunteer**

Recognizes an individual, who is age 19 and over, that has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service.

☐ **Youth Volunteer**

Recognizes an individual, who is 18 and under, that has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service. The nominee may hold leadership roles in student organizations, student councils or student service clubs and has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills.

■ **Volunteer Group**

Recognizing the service of a group of volunteers who have served together on a common project that has impacted their community. The nominees in this category strive to make communities better places to live through a variety of activities or by focusing on one issue of primary importance in their community.

■ **Corporate Community Volunteer**

Recognizes and honors corporations and businesses that excel in community involvement and demonstrate excellent corporate citizenship by giving back to their community in a variety of ways.

■ **National Service Volunteer**

Honoring an individual or group currently in service or a National Service program in Nebraska. This award recognizes outstanding effort to increase the quality of life in one or more communities in our state. Nominees may be serving through AmeriCorps, VISTA, Senior Corps, Foster Grandparents and RSVP.

■ **Veteran Volunteer**

Recognizes an individual who served honorably on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service during and after active duty.

■ **Disaster Volunteer**

Recognizes an individual or group that have demonstrated exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with a special project or ongoing activities, during times of disaster or in preparation of a disaster.

■ **Community Media Partner**

Recognizes and honors media outlets that excel in the community through their involvement and demonstrate excellent community support by giving back to their community in various and creative ways.

■ **Lifetime Achievement**

This award is the most prestigious state-level honor volunteers can receive. The people selected are those who have forever changed their community, the state, the nation, or the world with their volunteer service and action.

Why are you nominating this person/group?

Describe the nominee's commitment to volunteerism by helping with a special project or ongoing activities that address community needs. (150 words max)

Why do you think this nominee is a leader in your community?

Give examples of how they step forward and demonstrate reliability, leadership, innovation and hard work in service to others. (150 words max)

Who should be invited to the awards luncheon?

Please list the people (name, email address and relationship) who should be invited to attend the awards luncheon on October 30, 2015, if your nominee is selected as a finalist.

Nomination References (required):

Name		Title (if applicable)	
Relationship or Organization			
Email		Day Phone	
Name		Title (if applicable)	
Relationship or Organization			
Email		Day Phone	
Name		Title (if applicable)	
Relationship or Organization			
Email		Day Phone	

My contact information is:

First Name	<input type="text"/>	Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Title (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>		
Group Name (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
		Zip	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>

Please submit Nomination Forms by September 14, 2015 via email, fax or U.S. Postal mail to:

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Award recipients need to live in Nebraska and their service must have benefited Nebraskans or a Nebraska organization. People/ groups who have been honored previously should NOT be nominated again except for those nominated for a disaster related project or Lifetime Achievement Award.